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Narodna Tehnika

1. The Centralni Odbor Narodna Tehnika (The Central Board of the National Technical Organization) which is operationally associated with the Vanarlijski Vojni Vaspitanje (VJV; Paramilitary Training Organization), has its headquarters at 5 Republike Square in Belgrade. The president of the Central Board at Belgrade is Franc Leskosek, former chairman of the Federal Council for Machine Construction. The vice president is Ladislav Ambrozic, who is also president of the Letalska Zveza or Vazduhoplovni Savez (Aeronautical Association). The liaison officer, who coordinates the work of the Narodna Tehnika (NT; National Technical Organization) with the Yugoslav Army, is Lieutenant Colonel Drago Popovic. There is a Glavni Odbor (Main Board) of the Narodna Tehnika in every Yugoslav republic.
2. The main function of the Narodna Tehnika, which came into being between 1947 and 1948, was originally to provide the Yugoslav people with technical training. However, since 1949, through the medium of the VJV, it has organized an extensive program of paramilitary training.

### Member associations

3. The following associations, with branches throughout the various republics of Yugoslavia, are members of the NT:
- a. Zveza Radioamaterjev (Association of Amateur Radio Operators);
  - b. Zveza Letalska or, as it is known in Serbian, Vazduhoplovni Savez (Aeronautical Association);
  - c. Zveza Avtomobilsko-Motociklisticna (Automobilists and Motorcyclists Association);

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- d. Zveza Foto-Kinoamaterska (Association of Amateur Photographers);
- e. Zveza Pomorsko-Brodarska (Naval Association); and
- f. Zveza Elektro-Strojna (Electromechanics Association).

Narodna Tehnika, Slovenia

4. The main board of the NT in Slovenia, known as the Ljudska Tehnika Slovenije, has its headquarters at 23 Celovska Street in Ljubljana. The president and secretary of the board have been respectively identified as Milko Gorsic and Janez Nedog. The NT in Slovenia has some 50,000 members. The following associations, all of them with main headquarters at 23 Celovska Street in Ljubljana, are connected with the NT in Slovenia:
  - a. Zveza Radioamaterjev Slovenije (Slovene Amateur Radio Operators Association), with 35 branch associations throughout Slovenia, and some 4,500 members. Since 1948, approximately 1,500 amateur radio operators have been trained by this Association;
  - b. Zveza Letalska Slovenije (Slovene Aeronautical Association), which has approximately 3,000 members throughout Slovenia and has at its disposal some 40 airplanes and gliders for training purposes. This association has trained some 1,000 glider pilots, 1,000 parachutists and 150 airplane pilots;
  - c. Zveza Avtomobilsko-Motociklisticna (Automobilist and Motorcyclist Association) which has approximately 18,000 members throughout Slovenia. To date, this association, which operates 15 driver's schools and 26 student repair shops in Slovenia, and has at its disposal some 80 automobiles and 80 motorcycles, has trained approximately 5,000 drivers;
  - d. Zveza Foto-Kinoamaterska Slovenije (Slovene Amateur Photographers Association), which has 3,000 members throughout Slovenia;
  - e. Zveza Pomorsko-Brodarska Slovenije (Slovene Naval Association), with 20 subordinate associations throughout Slovenia and an over-all membership of 2,000;
  - f. Zveza Elektro-Strojna Slovenije (Slovene Electromechanics Association), of recent creation, with 50 subordinate associations and approximately 4,000 members throughout Slovenia; and
  - g. One hundred and fifty "Pionir" (Youth Groups) throughout Slovenia.

Paramilitary nature of the NT

5. Close collaboration exists among the various NT groups, the Yugoslav Army, the Zveza Borcev (Union of War Veterans), the Protiv Avionska Zastita (PAZ; Antiaircraft Defense Organization), and the Protiv Hemiska Zastite (PHZ; Chemical Warfare Defense Organization). The pilots, parachutists, automobile drivers and motorcyclists, photographers, navigators and radio telegraphists trained by the various NT member associations, are valuable manpower to the Yugoslav Army.
6. Inasmuch as a modern mechanized army needs soldiers experienced in the use of all types of technical and mechanical equipment, it is important to give the NT members a versatile training. Hence, parachutists must learn the Morse code, how to operate radio-transmitting apparatus and be able to send and receive messages. They must know photography, how to drive motor vehicles, cycles, tanks and must learn cartography, topography, et cetera. Pilot training is not given only to members of the Aeronautical Association, but to all youths who belong to the NT. In order to fulfill the requirements of paramilitary training, the six member associations of

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the Narodna Tehnika (mentioned in paragraph 3 above), collaborate with each other in the training of Yugoslav youth, and at the same time, each association collaborates with the Yugoslav Army, the VVV, the Union of War Veterans, the PAZ, the PHZ and the Streljacki Savez (Sharpshooter's Association).

7. The primary objective of the NT and of the various member associations is to give all members intensive military training so that in the event of any emergency, they will be ready to fight as expert soldiers. The activities of the NT of the utmost importance are arousing the entire Yugoslav population to realization of the necessity of being prepared for defense against possible aggression, and in encouraging the population to support and assist in the paramilitary training program. These activities include sham battles, competitions and demonstrations of various types.

#### The NT at Split

8. All members of the NT associations in Split have had training in the use of military weapons, while at the present time all members of the Automobilist and Motorcyclist Association, the Naval Association, the Aeronautical Association and the Amateur Radio Operator's Association are being trained in photography. The Aeronautical Association has assigned twenty of its expert parachutists to the Automobilist and Motorcyclist Association to train its members. Collaboration of the NT with the PAZ, PHZ and the Red Cross is still in the early stages.
9. Since 1950, the members of the NT in Split have carried out the following activities:
  - a. During 1950, the NT held four different partisan maneuvers. On these four occasions, the members of the Automobilist and Motorcyclist Association acted as couriers and transported supplies and materiel. The members of the Amateur Radio Operators' Association operated transmitting and receiving sets, and in general took care of communications. The remaining members of the NT who had no special assignment, participated in the general maneuvers.
  - b. Two simulated assault landings, one at Brac Island, and the other at Solta Island, have been staged by members of the Naval Association, with the various craft at their disposal.
  - c. In cooperation with the Yugoslav Army, members of the Aeronautical Association have constructed a practice bridge, and members of this association who have been trained as parachutist-saboteurs use this bridge in their demolition training.
  - d. Members of the Amateur Radio Operators' Association are being trained in the selection of sites for the installation of radio transmitters and receiving sets, in the techniques of camouflaging radio apparatus, et cetera.

#### Instructors

10. The Union of War Veterans and the Yugoslav Army furnish experts to direct specialized military and technical courses for the training of NT members. All athletic and sport associations, operate under the auspices of the VVV in providing NT members with physical training.

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